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REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the Official Action of December 27, 2004. This request for reconsideration is intended to be fully responsive thereto.

CLAIM OBJECTIONS

Claim 10 was objected to under 37 CFR. 1.75(c) as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. Applicant agreed with Examiner's suggestion and cancelled Claim 10. Therefore, objection to this regard should be removed.

CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 USC§112

Claim 10 was further rejected under 35 USC§112; however, Claim 10 was cancelled by this amendment and the rejection is moot.

CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 USC§102/103

Claims 1, 3, 4, 9 and 10 were rejected under 35 USC§102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 USC103(a) as obvious over Tanaka of record. However, Claims 1, 3, 4, 9 and 10 were cancelled at this time. Therefore, the rejections are moot.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Examiner is thanked for offering Applicant an allowable subject matter regarding Claim 11. Applicant accepted this offer and amended Claim 11 to rewrite in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Therefore, the amended Claim 11 should be allowed. No new matter has been added.

NEW CLAIMS 12 AND 13

New Claims 12 and 13 were added at this time and Examiner is respectfully suggested that Claim 12 is based on Claim 11 with cancelled Claim 3 feature and Claim 13 is based on Claim 11 with cancelled Claim 4. Since Claim 11 is allowable,

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further limited claims should be allowed. No new matter has been added.

NEW INDEPENDENT CLAIM 14

An independent Claim 14 was added this time to limit the scope of this invention by specifying materials to be used in the method of manufacturing the electrode structure. By this amendment, the compound mixture is limited to the active carbon material, the carbon black, the binder and the solvent. Description of using the active carbon material and carbon black can be found in various portions in the current specification, and therefore no new matter has been added.

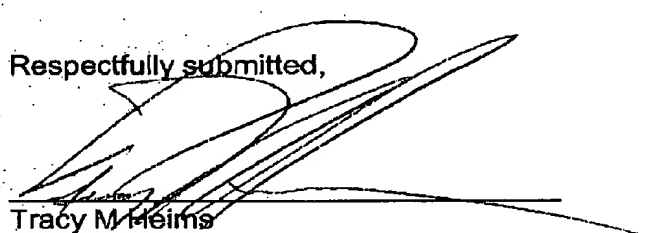
Further, there is no teaching or suggestion of the use of active carbon material and carbon black in the process in any of the cited references. Therefore, new independent claim 14 should be allowed.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 11-14 define the invention over the cited references and notice to this effect is respectfully solicited. Applicant believes that the claims are now in condition for allowance. No new matter has been added.

Should Examiner believe further discussion regarding the above claimed language would expedite prosecution they are invited to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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